



Directorate's finest receive service, conduct medals *by Barbara Baca, Directed Energy Directorate*

KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. — Colonel James R. Heald, the Air Force Research Laboratory's vice commander, presented awards to Directed Energy Directorate employees here, recently.

Medals were presented to Lt. Col. Mark S. Woish, Maj. Kerry D. Hicks, Capt. Stephen D. Hill, Staff Sgt. Troy J. Daigle, and Senior Airman Clifford J. Johnson.

Woish received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional service as space systems operations officer for the Office of the Department of Defense Space Architect and Office of the National Security Space Architect. His leadership of a tri-service effort directly resulted in a Deputy Secretary of Defense-approved strategy that integrated all service space control concepts along with recommended future funding. Colonel Woish's expertise was in demand at the highest levels. For example, he authored sections of a presidential response to Russia regarding space laser testing.

Hicks received an Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for distinguishing himself while head of the directorate's Satellite Assessment Center and chief of the Systems Assessment Branch. According to a certificate accompanying his award, while assigned as a military officer in the Ukraine, he averted a security incident where sensitive U.S. technology was inadvertently transferred without proper authority.

An Air Force Joint Service Commendation Medal was presented to Hill for his service as a systems engineer project officer in the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB, Calif. During his time there he contributed to the effectiveness of the \$30 billion military satellite communication systems. He also led the Military Satellite Communications 1998 Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration that showcased the advanced capabilities of both Milstar and Global Broadcast System programs. Hill was recognized for being the impetus behind providing global paging to the warfighter, allowing the warfighter to use a small manpack terminal while deployed in remote areas.

Johnson, a technician in the High-power Microwave Division, received an Air Force Good Conduct Medal. @